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Introduction

The **Catalog of State Financial Assistance Programs** is a comprehensive listing and description of state administered programs of financial assistance. It is designed primarily to assist local government officials and community leaders in identifying and seeking financial assistance from Georgia's state agencies (or organizations that are administratively attached to state agencies). However, it also contains programs that are available to individuals and selected businesses.

This publication contains only those grant and loan programs administered at the state level. These programs may originate at the state level, or they may be federal programs administered on the local level by state agencies.

Information for the program descriptions was obtained through surveys that were sent to agency heads responsible for administering the programs.

Organization

The **Catalog of State Financial Assistance Programs** is divided into four sections:

- User's Guide
- Subject Index
- State Agency Index
- Program Descriptions

The Subject Index is an alphabetical listing of the major program categories discussed in the Program Descriptions section. The specific programs are listed under the applicable program categories.

The State Agency Index lists all state agencies that reported financial assistance programs. Under each state agency, all programs administered by that agency are listed.

The Program Description section is the main body of the Catalog. This section is organized alphabetically by program title. This section presents, by program, the name of administering agency, the type of assistance, total funding level (if provided by the reporting agency), the maximum amount per

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jurisdiction (if provided by the reporting agency), the type of assistance, the criteria for eligibility, the criteria for selection, how to apply, and the contact person. Generally, unless otherwise specified, references to “fiscal year” mean the state’s fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).

The programs listed in this Catalog have been cross-indexed according to their subject area and the state agency from which they originate so that the user can readily locate programs within this publication. Both indices list the corresponding page number for each program included.

Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of information contained herein. The various state program administrators were given the opportunity to describe those programs, which are administered by their agencies. More detailed information on individual financial assistance programs can be obtained by calling the contact person listed for the individual program.

This Catalog is also available on the Department of Community Affairs’ website at www.dca.state.ga.us.

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Abstinence Education Grant Program

Administering Agency: Children and Youth Coordinating Council
10 Park Place South
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Provides seed money for the development or expansion of youth development focused, teen pregnancy prevention programs utilizing abstinence education. Emphasis is given to comprehensive projects providing a variety of instruction and services, including abstinence education curricula, mentoring, academic assistance and community service.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$1.4 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant: \$50,000-\$100,000

Criteria for Eligibility: State or local governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies, including faith based organizations.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive review process based on demonstration of project need, quality and practicality of proposed programming, cost effectiveness, degree of community support and feasibility of continuation funding plan.

How to Apply: Competitive application process for new projects held annually during early spring. Training for potential applicants conducted each January. Application instructions and forms available on the web site at <http://www.cycc.state.ga.us>

For More Information Contact: Suzanne Luker: (404) 656-1725

After-School Snack Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
School and Community Nutrition Division
1662 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Provides federal reimbursement to schools for after-school snacks to students.

Total Funding Level: Entitlement performance funding.

Maximum per Applicant: Reimbursement to schools and public, non-profit, and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) for snacks served to qualifying students based on their eligibility.

Criteria for Eligibility: In order to qualify for program assistance, the school food authority must operate the lunch component of the National School Lunch Program, and the school district must sponsor or operate an after-school snack program which:

* Provides children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment; and

* Includes educational or enrichment activities. RCCIs with residential and non-residential care components may also qualify for after-school snack program.

Criteria for Selection: Reimbursement provided only for enrolled students up to 18 years of age with the amount varying according to family income.

How to Apply: Application materials available upon request.

For More Information Contact: Eugenia R. Seay: (404) 656-2458

Airport Aid Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs-Aviation
276 Memorial Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Financial assistance to owners of public airports for:
*Aviation Planning
*Airport Capital Improvements
*Airport Maintenance
*Airport Approach Aids

State participation is up to 75% of project cost.

Total Funding Level: Currently \$3,800,000 (varies each fiscal year).

Maximum per Applicant: No limitation

Criteria for Eligibility: Airport must be publicly owned and open to the public.

Criteria for Selection: Application for State Assistance must be received by December 31st for funding the next fiscal year beginning in July. Projects are prioritized and selected on April 1, of each year. (Copies of the Airport Aid Program's Policy and Standards Guide are available upon request.)

How to Apply: Submit an Application for State Assistance (available upon request and also included in Policy and Standards Guide).

For More Information Contact: Ed Ratigan: (404) 651-9221

Appalachian Region Business Development Revolving Loan Fund (ARC RLF)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: A loan program to allow local development authorities in the Appalachian Region of Georgia to make below market rate loans to qualified businesses for job creation or retention. A wide range of projects will be considered if they contribute to the implementation of local development plans or if they do not compete with downtown development plans.

Total Funding Level: \$2,500,000

Maximum per Applicant: Up to \$200,000 or 50% of project cost, whichever is less.

Criteria for Eligibility: Only private, for-profit organizations may receive loans. Banks, savings and loan institutions, and finance companies are not eligible. Any project financed with a loan must be located within one of the 37 Appalachian Region Counties in North Georgia. The jurisdiction in which the project is located must be a qualified local government and the local authority must have filed with the Department of Community Affairs. Loan proceeds may be used for working capital or fixed asset financing. No more than 50% of project costs may be paid for from revolving loan fund (RLF) proceeds. A minimum five percent equity injection from the borrower is required. The borrower must demonstrate that the project needs favorable financing in order for it to succeed. One job must be created or saved for every \$20,000 of RLF loan proceeds. Loans for working capital are usually for five years or less and loans for fixed assets are usually for 15 years or less. Minimum credit underwriting standards apply.

Criteria for Selection: Project viability, amount of other private investment leveraged by the project, number of jobs created or retained, enhancement of downtown/redevelopment area.

How to Apply: Contact the Department of Community Affairs for application information.

For More Information Contact: Steed Robinson: (404) 679-1585

Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Funds

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Matching Grants to support economic development projects in north Georgia.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$2,300,000. Infrastructure \$300,000; operational \$100,000 or less.

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Must be beneficial to the 37-county area of Appalachian Georgia.

Criteria for Selection:

- * Jobs created and eligible county.
- * Identifiable outcome measures.
- * Sustainability.
- * Documented local matching funds.
- * Minimum match is 50% from other sources.

How to Apply: Applicants with the potential projects are to contact the Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager or Regional Development Centers.

For More Information Contact: Phil Whitlow: (404) 679-3165

Capital Outlay for Public Schools Facilities Construction

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Facilities Services Unit
1670 Twin Towers, East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Funds for new construction, renovation, and modifications of public school facilities funded on a matching basis.

Total Funding Level: Determined annually by the General Assembly.

Maximum per Applicant: Determined by project application.

Criteria for Eligibility: Needs must be identified by priority order in the school system's local facilities plan which has been developed by the local school system with assistance from the Georgia Department of Education and approved by the Georgia Board of Education.

Criteria for Selection: * The project must be the next priority in the school system's local facilities plan.
* The system must have an adequate accumulation of entitlements or qualify for advanced funding.

How to Apply: Local school systems must submit project applications to the Georgia Department of Education prior to September 1, for approval and inclusion in the Georgia Board of Education's budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

For More Information Contact: W. Jerry Rochelle: (404) 656-2454

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Administering Agency: Office of School Readiness
Nutrition Services
10 Park Place South, Suite 200
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Provide federal reimbursement to eligible institutions for meals and supplements served to eligible children enrolled in child care centers, outside-school-hours centers, emergency shelters, and day care homes, or to adults enrolled in centers approved to care for functionally impaired adults or adults over 60 years of age.

Total Funding Level: Reimbursement for all creditable meals served to qualifying persons. The total funding level varies (entitlement program).

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Sponsoring organizations/institutions that may participate in the CACFP are public/private non-profit and proprietary Title XIX/Title XX organizations licensed and approved to provide non-residential adult or child care services to enroll adults or children.

Criteria for Selection: Varying reimbursement provided only for enrolled persons according to family incomes.

How to Apply: Attend a training session conducted by the Office of School Readiness.

For More Information Contact: Karen Robinson: (404) 651-8197

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Administering Agency: Georgia Child Care Council
2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 220
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Awards under contract to conduct improvements in early childhood programs or school-age programs that serve children whose parents have low incomes and are working or in training; provide training and technical assistance to early childhood and school-age care providers; and establish, expand, or enhance resource and referral programs.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$6 million for fiscal year 2001.

Maximum per Applicant: No Maximum amount. However, average award is approximately \$40,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: Private for-profit, non-profit, public entities and individuals. Childcare programs must be licensed or exempt.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive bid process based on demonstration of project need, program design, goals and objectives, quality, evaluation, community linkages, and organizational capability.

How to Apply: Complete applications are released each year in the Spring. Application at <http://www.gachildcare.org>

For More Information Contact: Cheryl Newland: (404) 679-4880

Childrens Trust Fund of Georgia

Administering Agency: Children's Trust Fund Commission
1720 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 912N
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Type of Assistance: Grants to support child abuse and neglect prevention activities.

Total Funding Level: \$1,200,000

Maximum per Applicant: Not Applicable.

Criteria for Eligibility: Private non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and public agencies may apply, provided that public agencies apply as members of a community coalition which assumes local leadership in addressing children's issues.

Criteria for Selection: Based on program merits.

How to Apply: Submit a Concept Paper according to the guidelines published annually in the Request for Concept Papers available in November. Organizations whose Concept Papers are approved are invited to submit a full application.

For More Information Contact: Susan Phillips: (404) 206-6043

Clean Water Loan Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Low interest loans at a 3% interest rate for a maximum of 20 years to construct any number of publically owned wastewater treatment improvements including treatment plants; pumping stations; collector sewer lines; interceptors; sewer line replacements and/or repairs; correct combined sewer overflow problems and remedies for non-profit source pollution problems.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$22 million for fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: Loans are limited to a maximum of 20% of the available fund (awards and repayments). Currently, the maximum per community per calendar year is \$14,000,000. A closing fee of 2% of the loan amount is charged at the completion of the project.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities. Eligible costs include reasonable engineering, planning and design, construction and contingencies cost as they are incurred.

Criteria for Selection: Project readiness, financial management, and compliance with federal planning, environmental review, and public participation requirements.

How to Apply: Request placement on CW Comprehensive List of Potential Loan Recipients by providing a brief project description, preliminary cost estimates and anticipated project initiation. Inclusion on the List does not obligate community to participate further in the application process. Submit a preapplication any time during the year once project is on the Comprehensive List.

For More Information Contact: Gregory R. Mason: (404) 656-3824

Community Development Block Grant Program - Regular Round

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Matching grant programs which can assist a wide range of eligible activities, including housing improvement projects, public facilities such as water and sewer lines, buildings such as local health centers or Headstart centers, and economic development projects.

Total Funding Level: \$37,000,000 (approximately) for annual competition.

Maximum per Applicant: Single-Activity: \$500,000 for regular competition. Multi-Activity: \$800,000 for regular competition. Local Match Requirement-Regular Competition: Grants up to \$300,000, or grants for single activity housing projects-no matching funds required. Grants of \$300,000 to \$500,000, 5% local matching funds required. Grants of more than \$500,000, 10% local matching funds required.

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligible applicants are units of general local government, excluding those metropolitan cities, urban counties and units of government eligible to participate in the urban counties or metropolitan cities programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Criteria for Selection: Eligible applicants selected for funding will be those having the greatest need as evidenced by poverty and per capita income and whose applications most adequately address the needs of low and moderate income persons and have the greatest impact.

How to Apply: Attend Applicants Workshop. Submit applications by deadline (varies each year). Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Development Centers and private consultants.

For More Information Contact: Susan McGee: (404) 679-3176

Community Services Block Grant

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Human Resources
Division of Family and Children Services
Two Peachtree St., NW, Suite 19-240
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Funding for programs administered by designated eligible entities to provide a range of anti-poverty services and activities.

Total Funding Level: \$16,146,735

Maximum per Applicant: Funds provided to designated eligible entities under contract to administer a program.

Criteria for Eligibility: Must be a designated eligible entity.

Criteria for Selection: Degree of need in the agency's service delivery area.

How to Apply: Contact the Department of Human Resources for information.

For More Information Contact: Preston D. Weaver: (404) 656-6697

Construction Loan Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Short-term loans are made at low interest rates for improving water, wastewater and solid waste management systems.

Total Funding Level: Varies

Maximum per Applicant: \$1,000,000 per calendar year.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Known source of permanent financing, including grants and Local Option Sales Tax.

How to Apply: Submit an application at any time of the year.

For More Information Contact: Dan Clarke: (404) 656-0940

Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program

Administering Agency: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place
Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Type of Assistance: Provides federal funding to state and local governmental and private non-profit crime victim assistance service providers to continue existing projects or to implement new ones. Special consideration is given to projects serving victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and previously underserved victims of violent crime.

Total Funding Level: Fiscal year 2001: \$10,052,000 fiscal year 2002: \$9,885,000.

Maximum per Applicant: None

Criteria for Eligibility: State agencies, local units of government, or private non-profit organizations.

Criteria for Selection: Every project receiving crime victim assistance funds must include as its principle mission concentrated services to at least one category of priority victims. In addition, feasibility, impact, budgetary requests and evaluation results are considered.

How to Apply: A Guidelines and Application Procedures booklet must be submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council during specified periods of solicitation. Additional information regarding the application process can be obtained by contacting the Council directly.

For More Information Contact: Eden Freeman/Joseph Hood: (404) 559-4949

Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DD RLF)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: To assist small and middle-sized communities in implementing quality downtown development projects. Assistance is provided by making low-cost, reasonable-term loans to non-entitlement cities and counties.

Total Funding Level: Generally up to \$200,000 per project.

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Non-entitlement cities and counties that have downtown areas that generally have the following characteristics: A significant number of commercial structures 50 years old or older. A high percentage of empty storefronts. A feasibility/market analysis. A plan for attracting or retaining businesses. Eligible activities can include various types of fixed asset financing. Working capital financing is not eligible for funding. Eligible project types can include a variety of public and private endeavors. All loans are made to local governments but eligible sub-recipients include development authorities and private businesses. Loan terms are usually no longer than 15 years. Interest rates are normally fixed at below market values.

Criteria for Selection: See Criteria for Eligibility.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Steed Robinson: (404) 679-1585

Edward Byrne Drug Control and System Improvement Formula Grant Program

Administering Agency: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place
Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Type of Assistance: Distribution of federal funds to local units of government and state agencies in order to implement innovative drug and violent crime control initiatives. Primarily these projects are to enforce state and local laws that establish offenses similar to offenses established in the federal Controlled Substances Act and to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders. For example, these funds may be used to support projects which improve the apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention and rehabilitation of drug offenders. Additionally, eradication projects, treatment projects, and projects which target major drug offenders are eligible.

Total Funding Level: Fiscal year 2002: \$13,100,369.

Maximum per Applicant: None

Criteria for Eligibility: State agencies and local units of government.

Criteria for Selection: Inclusion of special project requirements, feasibility, impact, budgetary requests, inter-agency cooperation, and evaluation results are considered. A Guidelines and Application Procedures booklet must be submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council during specified periods of solicitation. Additional information regarding the application process can be obtained by contacting the Council directly.

How to Apply: Contact Council for information.

For More Information Contact: Eden Freeman: (404) 559-4949

Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: To provide shelter and essential services to homeless persons throughout the state by making available State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission (HTF) funds and Federal HUD Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) funds to nonprofit organizations and local government entities operating homeless housing and/or providing services to the homeless. This program is principally designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living as well as to prevent homelessness.

Total Funding Level: Net Federal fiscal year 2001 funds available under the HUD ESPG Program are \$1,745,150. State Housing Trust Fund Commission funds available are estimated to be \$4,000,000; a total of \$5,745,150. From this amount, Urgent Needs applications shall be funded from a July 1 program residual of \$250,000 in State or Federal funds.

Maximum per Applicant: General funding limits are as follows: Emergency Shelter Operations-\$60,000 per facility. Transitional Housing Operations-\$30,000 per facility; Essential Services - \$30,000 per activity, Homeless Prevention-\$20,000 per program, Technical Assistance-\$10,000 per activity, and Development - \$125,000 per organization. The limit for Development projects may be exceeded for new projects that will shelter more than 50 persons.

Criteria for Eligibility: To the extent determined by HTF Commission and DCA, private, nonprofit organizations and local government entities are eligible to apply for funds. Nonprofit organizations must demonstrate participation in local homeless provider groups and in continuum of care planning appropriate to the jurisdiction where their activities are located to the satisfaction of those jurisdiction(s). As per Federal regulations and Department of Community Affairs policy, each applicant must obtain appropriate approval(s) from appropriate local government jurisdictions for each activity and its location. Documentation of approval should be included in the application. In addition to all other Federal, State and local laws and regulations, all activities must be implemented in full compliance with HUD ESPG program regulations published at 24 CFR & 576.

Criteria for Selection: Applications are evaluated based on sponsor capacity, cost effectiveness, service quality, experience, local need, capacity utilization, and local coordination.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and deadlines.

For More Information Contact: Phillis Thomas: (404) 679-0651

Employment Incentive Program (EIP)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: A grant program to support local projects intended to facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Total Funding Level: \$5,000,000

Maximum per Applicant: \$500,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligible applicants are units of general purpose government. Excluded are metropolitan "entitlement" cities, urban counties, and cities which elected to participate in an urban program.

Criteria for Selection: Facilitate and enhance job creation and/or retention, principally for persons of low and moderate income. EIP grants should leverage significant private investment. The EIP program also has as one of its aims the funding of viable projects which cannot otherwise take place without EIP assistance. The EIP program was not designed to provide assistance to businesses or industries which lack financial capacity or otherwise might be considered bad risks, nor was it designed to subsidize industries which do not need it in order to carry out proposed projects.

How to Apply: Attend economic development workshops. Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Development Centers and private consultants. Technical assistance is also available through DCA.

For More Information Contact: Grants for Public Infrastructure: Andy Yarn: (404) 679-1589
Assistance to for-profits (Loans): Mitch Griggs: (404) 679-0593

Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Federal block grants and tax incentives

Total Funding Level: \$109,000,000 over 10 years.

Maximum per Applicant: \$100,000,000 for Empowerment Zone; \$3,000,000 for Enterprise Zone.

Criteria for Eligibility: Federal Determination.

Criteria for Selection: Federal Determination.

How to Apply: New designations are planned for 2002.

For More Information Contact: Chantal Matthews: (404) 679-3164

Environmental Emergency Loan Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Loans are made at a rate of 2 percent interest for projects that address immediate threats to public health or the environment.

Total Funding Level: \$1,000,000 per fiscal year.

Maximum per Applicant: \$100,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Environmental certification, documented immediate threat to human health and/or the environment.

How to Apply: Submit an application at any time of the year.

For More Information Contact: James Thompson: (404) 656-4046

Food Distribution Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
1658 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Provides United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated foods to eligible recipient agencies including schools, institutions, summer camps, and needy individuals.

Total Funding Level: Varies

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Participation in the National School Lunch Program makes schools eligible to receive USDA commodity foods. Other program eligibility requirements vary.

Criteria for Selection: USDA commodity foods are made available to institutions and individuals whose family income falls below prescribed limits.

How to Apply: Application materials available upon request.

For More Information Contact: Elaine Freeman: (404) 656-2470

Formula and Title V Prevention Grant Programs

Administering Agency: Children and Youth Coordinating Council
10 Park Place South
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Provides seed money for the development of delinquency prevention and intervention programs. Emphasis is given to community based programs providing alternatives to secure detention or enhanced probation services for juvenile offenders, and primary prevention projects serving high risk youth.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$3.5 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant: \$50,000-\$100,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Formula Grants Program: state or local governmental agencies and 501(c)(3)non profit agencies.

Title V Grants Program: County governments with designated local planning bodies for children and youth (ie. Family Connection sites) which have developed comprehensive community plans for improving services for children & youth. Proposed projects must be addressed in the County's comprehensive plan.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive review process based on demonstration of project need, quality and practicality of proposed programming, cost effectiveness, degree of community support and feasibility of continuation funding plan.

How to Apply: Competitive application process for new projects held annually during early spring. Training for potential applicants conducted each January. Application instructions and forms available on the Council's web site at www.cycc@.state.ga.us

For More Information Contact: Pete Colbenson: (404) 656-1725

Georgia Allocation System

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: For businesses and individuals seeking long-term, low-interest rate financing for the construction or improvements of manufacturing facilities, single-family and multi-family housing projects and exempt facility (ie. solid waste control) projects. Federal law limits the annual issuance of private activity bonds in the state to an amount not exceeding a state ceiling imposed under the federal law. DCA is responsible for implementing a system for allocating the use of private activity bonds, as permitted by federal law, in order to further the economic development of the state, to further the provision of safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, and otherwise to further the purposes of the laws of the state which provide for the issuance of such bonds.

Total Funding Level: \$62.50 per capita. The state ceiling for 2001 is \$511,625,000. The state is divided in the following manner: Economic Development Share:\$217,440,000, Housing Share: \$217,441,000, and Flexible Share: \$76,744,000.

Maximum per Applicant: See Total Funding Level.

Criteria for Eligibility: All state and local authorities authorized to issue private-activity, tax-exempt bonds.

Criteria for Selection:

How to Apply: Submit an application, along with necessary attachments to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

For More Information Contact: Bobby Stevens: (404) 679-4943

Georgia Arts Education Challenge Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Council for the Arts
260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Type of Assistance: To stimulate systemic change by providing seed money to leverage local funds to develop, implement, and expand sequential curriculum-based arts education in kindergarten through fifth grades. The goal of the Challenge Program is to infuse basic education in the arts into the curriculum on the same level as other core subjects. Applications may address any one or a combination of the following disciplines: visual art, music, theater, and dance.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Applicants may apply for grants of up to \$25,000 per fiscal year. Grants are awarded based on the Georgia Council for the Arts 1:1 matching funding formula. First time applicants are required to pledge at least a 10% cash match. Each subsequent year, applicants are strongly encouraged to pledge at least an additional 10% in cash. The cash match combined with the in-kind match must total 100% of the requested grant funds.

For example: First Time Applicant: \$10,000 Grant Request (\$1,000 cash match/\$9,000 in-kind match); Third Time Grantee: \$10,000 Grant Request (\$3,000 cash match/ \$7,000 in-kind match).

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicants must partner with local resources to implement the proposed program. Suggested partners are local arts councils, cultural and civic organizations, local chambers of commerce and colleges/universities.

Criteria for Selection: The GCA uses professional advisory panels to review all grant applications. The Challenge panel consist of statewide representation of arts educators, citizen representatives, artists and GCA Council members. Panel consensus statements are available following the announcement of the grant awards. Applications are categorized according to the total school district budget size. Panelists review the applications based on the Georgia Challenge criteria. The panel criteria and the section point value are listed above each section.

How to Apply: One original with 7 copies (total of 8) of the signed, completed grant application must be submitted to the Director of Arts Education. All grant funds for FY03 must be spent prior to June 30, 2003. Summer Training Institutes must be paid for prior to June 30, 2003.

For More Information Contact: Rick George: (404) 685-2787

Georgia Children and Elderly Fund Program/Preschool Children with Special Needs

Administering Agency: Children's Trust Fund Commission
1720 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 912N
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Type of Assistance: Grants to support new or expanded programs for children birth to age six who require specific services or treatment.

Total Funding Level: Depends upon amount donated by taxpayers.

Maximum per Applicant: Not Applicable.

Criteria for Eligibility: Private non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and public agencies may apply, provided that public agencies apply as members of a community coalition.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive process based on program merits.

How to Apply: Complete application contained in Request for Proposals, available on request.

For More Information Contact: Carole Steele: (404) 206-6043

Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism/AmeriCorps-State Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Grants to meet service needs which match national need areas as determined annually by the Corporation for National Service.

Total Funding Level: \$5 million annually, varies from year to year.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies dependent on need.

Criteria for Eligibility: Any not-for-profit agency, unit of local government, school district, or institution of higher learning. Grants require significant local, non-federal match funds.

Criteria for Selection: Competitive review by disinterested review panel which matches applications to national need statements and total measurable impact on local need.

How to Apply: Call or write Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism for application and guidelines.

For More Information Contact: James P. Marshall, Jr.: (404) 327-6844

Georgia Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Housing Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides loans for the acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation of rental and housing developments of 20 or more units that are targeted for low-income households.

Total Funding Level: Approx. \$3.0 million in Fiscal Year 2002 HOME fund.

Maximum per Applicant: \$2,800,000 Construction/permanent loans with annual interest rates of no more than 1%. There will be no interest charged on construction loans. The exact term of each mortgage will be determined by DCA according to the economic feasibility needs of the proposed development. Maximum loan term is 30 years. Maximum loan amount is the lesser of \$2,800,000 or 90% of unrestricted appraised market value. Minimum loan amount is \$100,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: Nonprofit corporations that have been qualified by DCA as Community Housing Development organizations in accordance with HOME Program regulations and DCA policies.

Criteria for Selection: Applications are accepted during announced application cycles. Applications are competitively scored and ranked in accordance with DCA's Office of Affordable Housing Scoring Criteria. Selected developments are evaluated by DCA's Underwriting Committee and approved by the Commissioner based on financial feasibility and need for subsidized "gap" financing.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Doug Scott: (404) 327-6881

Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program

Administering Agency: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place
Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Type of Assistance: Provides financial support to innocent victims of violent crime who as a result of the offense have suffered certain out of pocket expenses. Please note that property losses are not covered.

Total Funding Level: Varies

Maximum per Applicant: \$10,000

Criteria for Eligibility: See Criteria for Selection.

Criteria for Selection: Persons applying for compensation funds must meet statutorily created eligibility requirements. For example, the victim must have suffered personal physical injury, financial hardship or death as result of a violent criminal victimization. Additionally, a completed application including police reports, documentation of medical expenses, death certificate, and/or verification of lost wages must be received by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Crime Victim Compensation Committee within 1 year from the date of the offense.

How to Apply: A Crime Victims Compensation Application can be obtained from any local prosecutor's office, victim assistance service provider, from our website (www.ganet.org/cjcc) or by contacting the Council directly.

For More Information Contact: Shawanda Reynolds Cobb: (404) 559-4949

Georgia Folklife Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Council for the Arts
260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Folklife Project Grants; Apprentice Grants. Matching grants are given to projects that document, present and preserve the state's traditional folk arts and culture.

Total Funding Level: \$23,000 for fiscal year 2002 Project Grants.

Maximum per Applicant: \$3,000 Apprenticeship Grants.

Criteria for Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations and local governments are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Selection: Peer panel review.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Council for the Arts for an application form and submission deadlines.

For More Information Contact: Georgia Council for the Arts: (404) 685-2787

Georgia Fund Loan Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Low interest loans for water and wastewater projects. Loans are provided from annual state appropriations and repayments from outstanding loans. Average approved time is three weeks.

Total Funding Level: \$45 million depending on available funds.

Maximum per Applicant: \$3 million per calendar year. The amount could be spread out over more than one project.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and water and sewer authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Environmental certification and ability to repay.

How to Apply: Submit an application form at anytime.

For More Information Contact: Dan Clarke: (404) 656-0940

Georgia Heritage Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Division
156 Trinity Ave., S.W., St. 101
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: A matching grant program to assist eligible applicants with the rehabilitation of Georgia Register-listed historic properties and related activities.

Total Funding Level: \$300,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$250,000 for Development Projects, \$50,000 for Predevelopment Projects.

Maximum per Applicant: \$40,000 for Development Projects, \$20,000 for Predevelopment Projects.

Criteria for Eligibility: All local governments and nonprofit organizations in existence for at least 3 Years are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Selection: Appropriateness of methodology, grant management capability, public support, statewide priorities, preservation potential/benefit, new constituency, geographical and demographic distribution, relative importance of the property according to Georgia's historic preservation plan, and distribution among types of properties, uses and sponsors.

How to Apply: Annual application schedule with mid-July deadline.

For More Information Contact: Cherie Blizzard: (404) 651-5181

Georgia Minority Subcontractors Tax Incentive

Administering Agency: Governor's Small Business Center
200 Piedmont Avenue
Suite 1102, West Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: A Georgia income tax adjustment for any company which subcontracts with a minority-owned firm to furnish goods, property or services to the State of Georgia. This includes, but is not restricted to, the construction of any building or structure for the State.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Adjustment shall be limited to \$100,000 per taxable year.

Criteria for Eligibility: A payment to a minority subcontractor is a qualified payment if:

- * the payment is for goods, property or services furnished by the minority subcontractors to the contractor who in turn provides these goods, property or services to the State of Georgia in furtherance of a contract with the State;

- * the payment is made during the taxable year for which the adjustment is made; and

- * the payment is made to a subcontractor who at the time of payment is certified as a minority subcontractor by the Department of Administrative Services.

Criteria for Selection: Available to all companies that meet the following criteria:

- * a business which is owned by a member of a minority race;

- * a partnership of which a majority of interest is owned by one or more members of a minority race; or

- * a public corporation of which a majority of the common stock is owned by one or more members of a minority race.

How to Apply: Maintain records to support adjustment claimed on Georgia income tax forms.

For More Information Contact: Governor's Small Business Center: (404) 656-6315

Georgia Touring Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Council for the Arts
260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Type of Assistance: Pays part of touring arts groups/individual's fees in order to encourage Georgia presenters and Georgia artists to work together to promote the delivery of art programs to areas of the state that have limited access to art programs.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Applicant may request 25% to 35% of touring group/individual's fee. To verify fee, presenter must submit as copy of contract or signed agreement with touring group/individual a part of application.

Criteria for Eligibility: Open to organizations as defined in the Policies and Procedures section of the GCA Guide to Programs. Presenters may apply to bring in only those groups/individuals included on the Georgia Arts Touring Roster in the Guide to Programs. A potential presenter must be located outside a 40 mile radius of the touring groups/individual's home base. Potential presenters may be local and state government agencies and departments of parks and recreation.

Criteria for Selection: Applications are reviewed on the basis of:

- * organization's administrative capacity to present event;
- * financial need of the applicant;
- * cultural arts needs of the community; and
- * program accessibility to minorities and other special groups and facility accessibility.

How to Apply: Contact the Arts Council for an application form and submission deadlines.

For More Information Contact: Rick George: (404) 685-2795

Governor's Scholarships

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Division of Curriculum and Reading
1770 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Higher education tuition grants.

Total Funding Level: Over \$4 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant: \$1,575 per recipient.

Criteria for Eligibility: Georgia scholar, valedictorian, salutatorian or STAR student.

Criteria for Selection: Same as above.

How to Apply: Submit an application through the local school system coordinator.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Joe Searle: (404) 657-0183

Grants for Residential and Reintegration Services

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Division for Exceptional Students
1870 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Grants to assist local school systems in the funding of a needed alternative program placement for a student with disabilities in a private residential programs.

Total Funding Level: \$1,900,000 for fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies

Criteria for Eligibility: Local school systems are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Selection: All applications will be reviewed with priority based on:

- * Students with profound disabilities needing residential services; and
- * Students (with severe disabilities) needing residential services.
- * Students needing reintegration programs; and
- * Students with disabilities need reintegration services into local school systems, state-operated programs or community programs.

How to Apply: Submit a completed application form and additional documentation, such as a medical report, eligibility report, placement minutes or due process checklist.

For More Information Contact: Kathryn S. Adams: (404) 657-9950

Grassroots Arts Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Council for the Arts
260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Type of Assistance: This program is designed to provide grants to arts organizations and other groups to support Grassroots arts activities that broaden and deepen public participation in the arts. Community activities that stimulate collaboration and enhance public involvement are encouraged. Funds may be spent on dance performances, theater presentations, story telling, visual art exhibits, mural concerts, folk arts and other projects. Funds may not be used to fund performances, exhibits or other activities which showcase works by students.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Established by regional grassroots agencies which administer the program.

Criteria for Eligibility: Varies. Contact local grassroots agency.

Criteria for Selection: Varies. Contact local grassroots agency.

How to Apply: Contact local grassroots agency for guidelines and application form. Grants are administered by regional grassroots agencies which serve each county of the state. For a directory of these agencies, contact the Georgia Council for the Arts.

For More Information Contact: Georgia Council for the Arts: (404) 685-2787

Historic Preservation Fund Survey and Planning Grants and Predevelopment and Development Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Division
156 Trinity Ave., SW, Suite 101
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Development grants (60% federal/40% local match) for properties used for public purposes, such as local government functions, schools, museums, civic spaces, etc. Survey and planning activities include historic resource surveys, archeological surveys, activities include National Registrar nominations, preservation planning activities, and information/educational projects.

Total Funding Level: \$72,000 to \$75,000 each year.

Maximum per Applicant: Project awards have arranged from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Average award is \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: All funds are reserved for certified local governments. Properties seeking development assistance must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Criteria for Selection: Appropriateness of methodology, grant management capability, public support.

How to Apply: Annual application schedule with March 1 deadline.

For More Information Contact: Cherie Blizzard: (404) 651-5181

Home Buyer Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides fixed, below market interest rate loans to qualified low to moderate income home buyers.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Individual maximum loan amounts vary by type of unit (new or existing), location, and type of loan (FHA, VA, USDA, or Conventional).

Criteria for Eligibility: Assistance is available to all qualified home buyers purchasing eligible properties and meeting program income limitations and occupancy requirements.

Criteria for Selection: Assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis through lenders participating in the Home Buyer program. All applicants must meet all underwriting guidelines established by the program.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Carmen Chubb: (404) 679-4846

Home CHDO Predevelopment Loan Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides interest-free loans to qualified nonprofit organizations for feasibility studies in preparation for the submission of complete and comprehensive applications for financing low to moderate income housing developments using DCA's HOME CHDO or Permanent Supportive Housing Program.

Total Funding Level: \$150,000 (Estimated federal fiscal year 2002 funding).

Maximum per Applicant: The maximum loan amount is \$45,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations that have been qualified by DCA as having met the HUD requirements for designation as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), and which meet all the other requirements of the HOME regulations and DCA policies.

Criteria for Selection: Applications for funding will be evaluated based on criteria established in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for this program and the application requirements of the HOME CHDO Loan and Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Programs, as applicable.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding the program guidelines and application procedures. Applications for proposed developments to be submitted for funding through DCA's Permanent Supportive Housing program may be submitted at any time. Applications for proposed developments to be submitted for funding through DCA's HOME CHDO Loan Program must be submitted by June 30th in the year prior to the HOME CHDO Loan Program application deadline.

For More Information Contact: Doug Scott: (404) 327-6881

Home Rental Housing Loan/Home CHDO Loan Programs

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of multifamily rental housing or limited equity ownership cooperatives targeted for low and moderate-income households.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$13,000,000 will be available for funding in federal fiscal year 2002 Home Funds.

Maximum per Applicant: Applicants are limited to a maximum of three (3) projects of which total funding cannot exceed 30% of the total Home Resources available. The exact terms of each mortgage will be determined by DCA according to the economic feasibility needs of the proposed development: Standard: Permanent loans with annual interest rates of no less than 1%. Maximum loan amount is \$2 million in non-Rural counties or \$2.8 million in rural counties, not to exceed the lesser of 90% of unrestricted appraised market value for the project. The minimum loan amount is \$100,000. Non Profit Owners: Construction and construction/permanent loans with annual interest rates of no less than 1%. Maximum loan term is 30 years. Maximum loan amount is \$2 million in non-rural counties or \$2.8 million in rural counties, not to exceed 90% of unrestricted appraised market value for the project. The minimum loan amount is \$100,000. CHDO Fifteen percent (15%) of the State's total FFY 2002 HOME allocations will be set aside for projects owned by non-profits that are pre-qualified by DCA as CHDO's. All or part of the CHDO set-aside will be met with funding through these programs.

Criteria for Eligibility: For-Profit and Non-Profit sponsors/developers who have not been in default or out of compliance with any DCA administered program within the twelve month period prior to application date.

Criteria for Selection: Applications are accepted during the announced application cycle. Applications are competitively scored and ranked in accordance with DCA's Qualified Allocation Plan Scoring Criteria. Selected developments are evaluated by DCA's Project Review Loan Committee and approved by the Commissioner based on financial feasibility and need for subsidized "gap" financing.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to review information regarding program guidelines and application.

For More Information Contact: For Profit Owners contact Theresa Hill: (404) 679-0648
Non Profit and CHDO Owners contact Doug Scott: (404) 327-6881

HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

Administering Agency: Hope Scholarship Program
2082 East Exchange Place
Suite 100
Tucker, Georgia 30084

Type of Assistance: Financial assistance to students attending eligible Georgia postsecondary institutions. HOPE awards may be used to pay tuition, mandatory fees and a book allowance at public colleges or universities, and technical colleges. Assistance for students attending eligible private colleges or universities is also available.

Total Funding Level: \$264,942,647

Maximum per Applicant: Scholarships vary at public institutions. The award is \$3,000 per year at private colleges.

Criteria for Eligibility: A student must be a legal Georgia resident and a United States citizens or a permanent resident alien.

Criteria for Selection: HOPE for Degree-Seeking Students at Georgia Public Institutions:

* Be a 1993 or later high school graduate.

* Must have completed high school with at least a "B" average.

* Demonstrate an adjusted parental gross income of less than \$100,000.

* Maintain a 3.0 grade average at three check points (30, 60, and 90 attempted semester hours of study). HOPE for Diploma/Certificate-Seeking Students at Georgia Public Institutions: Students attending a public technical college, college or university may earn two certificates or diploma programs regardless of year of high school graduation or grade average. HOPE for Degree-Seeking Students at Georgia Private Colleges and Universities: Be a 1996 or later high school graduate. Must have completed high school with at least a "B" average. Maintain a 3.0 grade average at three check points (30, 60, and 90 attempted semester hours of study.) Be a full-time student. HOPE for GED Recipients . Undergraduate students who earned a General Education Development (high school equivalency) certificate awarded by the Department of Technical and Adult Education after June 30, 1993 may receive a one-time \$500 HOPE award. This can be used toward tuition, books, and other education-related costs at a public technical institute or public or eligible private college or university. Other HOPE assistance may be available at an eligible private college or university or Georgia public technical institute.

How to Apply: Contact the Hope Scholarship Program.

For More Information Contact: Hope Scholarship Program: (770) 724-9030

Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS Program (HOPWA)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: To provide housing and supportive services to low income persons with HIV related needs, exclusively in the State's 139 county HUD defined entitled area. This area includes the Counties of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton.

Total Funding Level: Net federal fiscal year 2002 funds available under the HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids Program are estimated to be \$1,501,560. Additional allocations may be made from funds recaptured from prior year obligations. Funds available may be allocated prior to July 2, 2002, subject to this program description.

Maximum per Applicant: For operations and service activities (other than development) funding is generally less than \$225,000 per organization per year. For development activities that include acquisition, new construction and/or rehabilitation, assistance is generally limited to \$200,000 per project or organization. Subject to need or availability of funds, limits may be waived at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

Criteria for Eligibility: To the extent determined by Housing Trust Fund Commission and DCA, private, nonprofit organizations and local government entities are eligible to apply for funds. Eligible activities are those named in current HUD regulations for the HOPWA program. Activities include, but are not limited to housing, housing or fair housing information, acquisition, rehabilitation, limited new construction, rental assistance (including shared housing), homelessness prevention, supportive services (health, mental health, assessment, drug and alcohol, day care, personal assistance, nutritional services, etc.), general case mgt., housing operating subsidies, and technical assistance. Sponsor administrative costs are limited to 7% of the grant amount. Each activity and its location must be approved by appropriate local government jurisdictions. All activities must be conducted in full compliance with program regulations published at 24 CFR & 574.

Criteria for Selection: Funding decisions and funding amounts will be based upon the following factors: relative need for activity, the availability of other HOPWA providers within the service area, relative quality of housing or services to be provided, amount of funds requested, value of applicant's contributions (cash and in-kind), number of persons to benefit from activity, standard costs for housing and services, and other Federal or State assistance available to applicant. Development (acquisition, new construction and rehabilitation) funding decisions and funding amounts will be based upon the following factors: relative need for activity, amount of funds requested, value of applicant's contributions (cash and in-kind), other Federal or State assistance available to applicant, numbers of persons to benefit from activity; and project strategy and feasibility.

How to Apply: Contact the Department of Community Affairs to receive more information regarding program guidelines and deadlines.

For More Information Contact: John Bassett: (404) 679-3170

Immediate Threat and Danger Grant

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: A 50 % matching grant program whose primary objective is to fund activities which the State certifies are designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Local funds must comprise at least 10 % of project costs.

Total Funding Level: \$500,000 (\$200,000 reserved for "major disaster").

Maximum per Applicant: \$50,000 - not to exceed half of total project cost.

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligible applicants are units of general purpose local government, excluding those metropolitan cities, urban counties, and units of government eligible to participate in the urban counties or metropolitan cities program of the U.S. Department of HUD.

Criteria for Selection: Applications must address an event or situation which has a particular urgency and uniqueness which adversely affects or impacts a community and its citizens and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. The event or situation must have a sense of urgency and be of recent origin or have recently become urgent. Recent origin is defined as a condition that developed or became critical within 18 months of application. Ample descriptions of the cause of the threat, and probable ramifications, must be provided.

How to Apply: Contact DCA staff to determine if problem may be eligible for funding and to request an application. Assistance in developing projects and preparing applications is available through Regional Development Centers and private consultants.

For More Information Contact: Bobby Smith: (404) 679-3168

Job Tax Credit

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: A tax credit on Georgia income taxes for eligible businesses that create new jobs in counties or "less-developed" census tract areas.

Total Funding Level: Not applicable

Maximum per Applicant: \$750, \$1,250, \$2,500, or \$3,500 tax credit per year for five years for each new full-time job. \$3,500 credits are available in the bottom 71 less-developed counties (tier 1) and in less-developed census tract areas. \$2,500 credits are available in counties ranked 72-106 (tier 2), \$1,250 credits are available in counties ranked 107-141 (tier 3), and \$750 credits are available in counties ranked 142-159 (tier 4). Additional credits of \$500 per job are available for locating in a joint development authority jurisdiction. Total tax credit is limited to 100% of a business's total tax liability for job creation in tier 1 and tier 2 counties and to 50% of a business's total tax liability for job creation in tier 3 and tier 4 counties each year, but unused credits are carried forward for ten years from the time the jobs are created. Credits may also be used against withholding in tier 1 and less-developed census tract areas.

Criteria for Eligibility: Generally, only businesses involved in manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, information processing, research and development, and tourism, or the headquarters of any such businesses, are eligible for the credit. In the bottom 40 counties, any type of business may qualify if job creation and other standards are met. A business must increase employment by an average of five (in tier 1 counties), ten (in tier 2 counties), fifteen (in tier 3 counties) or twenty-five (in tier 4 counties) new full-time jobs and maintain them for at least one year to qualify for the credit. Credits are available in years two through six after job creation depending on the number of jobs maintained. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs annually ranks Georgia counties and designates tier 1, tier 2, tier 3 and tier 4 counties. The Department also periodically ranks and designates less-developed census tract areas. For businesses creating jobs in less-developed census tract areas, 30% of new full-time jobs must be held by residents of less-developed census tracts areas or tier 1 counties.

Criteria for Selection: Available to all businesses which meet the above criteria.

How to Apply: Contact the Department of Community Affairs for application information.

For More Information Contact: Russell Morrison: (404) 679-4825

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Grants Administration and Planning
205 Butler Street, SE, St. 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: 50% matching grants for acquisition of real property and development of facilities for general purpose outdoor recreation.

Total Funding Level: Varies from year to year based on federal congressional appropriations and fund allocations from the U.S. Department of Interior. For fiscal year 2001, Georgia's portion was approximately \$2 million.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies from year to year based on appropriations. Fiscal year 2001, maximum was \$75,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicants must be legally constituted entities (county, incorporated city, or an authority or commission established under enabling legislation).

Criteria for Selection: Available upon request. Applications are scored based on measured and incentive criteria to determine priority rankings.

How to Apply: Applications for the LWCF annual funding cycle are solicited in early fall through the Regional Development Centers, with the application deadline approximately December 31. Workshops are scheduled at the beginning of the funding cycle.

For More Information Contact: Antoinette Norfleet: (404) 656-3830

Local Development Fund

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Matching grants to fund community improvement activities of local governments in Georgia. Examples of the types of activities that could be funded include: downtown development projects, public parking facilities, historic preservation projects, tourism and related marketing activities, recreation improvements, community facilities (such as museums, community centers, etc), limited solid waste activities (such as recycling and multi-county planning), activities implementing approved comprehensive plans, and historic preservation improvements to historic public buildings such as courthouses and city halls. Ineligible grant activities are general improvements or renovations to nonhistoric public buildings, or water and sewer activities.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$620,000.

Maximum per Applicant: \$10,000 - for single community projects / \$20,000 for multi-community projects.

Criteria for Eligibility: All Georgia cities and counties are eligible to apply, provided:

* The Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs has certified them as a "qualified local government", and they have met all DCA reporting requirements.

* They are eligible to receive solid waste grants, loans and permits as outlined in the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, if applying for solid waste related activities.

* They can demonstrate to the Department of Community Affairs that they: (a) have a broad-based local leadership; and (b) have developed a reasonable community planning and development strategy.

* They can commit local funds as a "match" for the Local Development Fund grant. A local cash or in-kind match no less than dollar for dollar of the grant amount is required.

Criteria for Selection: The applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

* Feasibility (to include such factors as reasonableness of budgets and timetables, adequate consideration of all the factors necessary for implementation, commitment from other funding sources, etc.).

* Impact of the project on the community and need of the community.

* Strategy (to include assessment of the soundness of the strategy outlined in the application, extent of local commitment, and a determination of how well the project supports the community's plan).

How to Apply: All applications must be submitted in a format prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs and signed by the Chief Elected Official(s) of the applicant community(s), and received by the applicable deadlines. Semi-annual competitions are held in the spring and the fall of each year.

Local Development Fund

For More Information Contact: Cynthia Easley: (404) 679-4789

Local Government Enforcement and Education Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Scrap Tire Management Program
4244 International Parkway, St. 104
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: The purpose of this grant program is to provide financial incentives to local governments for establishing Local Environmental Compliance Programs that use enforcement and education activities to address: 1) the management of scrap tires, including preventing the illegal dumping of scrap tires. 2) solid waste reduction and the controlling of illegal dumping. 3) other environmental issues.

Total Funding Level: Local Environmental Compliance Program: Population less than 50,000: New programs are eligible to receive up to \$90,000. Population from 50,000 to 150,000: New programs are eligible to receive up to \$120,000. Population over 150,000: New programs are eligible to receive up to \$150,000.

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Local government units such as counties, municipalities, or local solid waste authorities. School systems are not eligible.

Criteria for Selection: Reasonableness of project, budget and resource commitments, as well as the applicant's past performance on state grants and programs.

How to Apply: Submit application by March 1. Applications can be found in the Local Government Enforcement and Education Grant Guidelines which are located on the web at <http://www.dnr.state.ga.us/dnr/environ> Please go to "EPD Forms" and click on "Scrap Tire".

For More Information Contact: Lon Revall: (404) 362-4500

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Administering Agency: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place
Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Type of Assistance: Provide federal funded assistance for state and local law enforcement agencies.

Total Funding Level: Fiscal year 2001: \$964,231 fiscal year 2002: \$1,006,037.

Maximum per Applicant: \$10,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligible jurisdictions are those local governments not eligible for participation in the federally administered LLEBG program.

Criteria for Selection: Selection is based on economic factors from all applications within the approved purpose areas. Federal regulations provide seven purpose areas for funding.

How to Apply: A Guidelines and Application Procedures booklet must be submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council during specified periods of solicitation. Additional information regarding the application process can be obtained by contacting the Council directly or on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council website at <http://www.ganet.org/cjcc>

For More Information Contact: Robert Thornton: (404) 559-4949

Local Rail Freight Assistance

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs
276 Memorial Drive, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Financial assistance (up to 70% of total cost) for capital projects to preserve and improve local rail freight service.

Total Funding Level: Varies.

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Rail lines in the State of Georgia which carry three million or less gross tons of freight annually.

Criteria for Selection: Funding is awarded in accordance with the priority placed on each eligible rail line as a result of the detailed analysis performed as part of the State Rail Plan.

How to Apply: Eligible rail lines in the state are analyzed in the State Rail Plan. Any eligible rail line that is not currently identified in the State Rail Plan may submit a request for inclusion.

For More Information Contact: Hal Wilson: (404) 651-9201

Low Incidence Grant

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Division for Exceptional Students
1870 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Funding for local school systems and regional educational service agencies (RESAs) that do not earn enough state dollars to employ a teacher to provide appropriate services for students with disabilities in the low incidence areas.

Total Funding Level: \$850,000 for fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: No maximum amount.

Criteria for Eligibility: Systems eligible for Low Incidence Grant funds are those whose projected individual or combined QBE earnings are less than 60 percent of the cost to provide direct instructional services in the low incidence disability area.

Criteria for Selection: The grants are reviewed by non-department staff. Grants are reviewed for need based on QBE earnings, utilization of existing staff, etc.

How to Apply: Complete a low incidence application which is mailed to all local school systems in April of the fiscal year.

For More Information Contact: Kathryn S. Adams: (404) 657-9950

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Human Resources
Community Services Section
Two Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 19-240
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Funds programs to provide financial assistance to eligible low income households to help defray the cost of home energy, provide low-cost home improvement weatherization, and assistance for weather-related home energy emergencies.

Total Funding Level: \$14,744,314

Maximum per Applicant: Funds provided to designated Community Action Agencies under contract to administer program.

Criteria for Eligibility: Must be a designated Community Action Agency to distribute block grant funds to income eligible households.

Criteria for Selection: Recipient households must be income eligible and be responsible for paying the cost of energy for the primary home heating source. Also, recipients must be United States citizens or legally admitted aliens.

How to Apply: Contact the Department of Human Resources for information.

For More Information Contact: DeVerne Howell: (404) 657-5118

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides federal and state income tax credit for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of rental housing affordable to low-to-moderate income families and individuals.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$14.2 million of annual federal credit authority, with a matching amount of state credit available.

Maximum per Applicant: Limits are placed on developer participation and the amounts of credit per development award.

Criteria for Eligibility: For profit and nonprofit sponsors/developers who have not been in default or out-of-compliance with any DCA administered program within a twelve month period prior to the application date. Eligible buildings contain one or more units designed for long-term, continuous residential rental use. Buildings used as transitional housing for the homeless may also be eligible.

Criteria for Selection: Applications are accepted during announced application cycles. Applications are competitively scored and ranked in accordance with the State's Qualified Allocation Plan. Selected developments are underwritten for financial feasibility and need for credit.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Fenice Taylor: (404) 679-0647

Mentor Teacher Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Recognition Programs
1870 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Grants to local education agencies (LEAs) to be used for stipends paid to mentor teachers.

Total Funding Level: \$1.25 million for fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: 2001: \$162 per quarter per mentor teacher unit. Teachers can earn three units per year. Amount is contingent on the number of participants and units earned.

Criteria for Eligibility: Etitlement; all school systems are eligible.

* All LEAs with mentors working with beginning teachers (0-2 years experience). Teachers must have Teachers Support Specialist training to receive endorsement on their certificate to be mentor.

Criteria for Selection: Application materials available upon request.

How to Apply: Contact Marian Dabney

For More Information Contact: Marian Dabney
(404) 656-5594

Organizational Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Council for the Arts
260 14th Street, NW
Suite 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Type of Assistance: Matching grants designed to provide support to arts organizations and other groups administering arts projects in categories including, but not limited to: architecture, environmental arts, dance, arts related education, film, folk arts/heritage, literary arts, media arts, museums, music, photography, public radio/TV, theatre, and visual arts.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Funding caps based on percentage of budget and other criteria in three different categories. Please consult the program guidelines for more information.

Criteria for Eligibility: Organizations eligible to apply must be incorporated in the State of Georgia and must be classified by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code as non-profit, tax-exempt organizations to which donations are deductible as charitable contributions under Section 170(c)(2).
Examples of organizations served by the GCA include: community arts councils, municipal arts agencies, and organizations for the literary, performing and visual arts. The GCA also provides support for arts projects sponsored by science and history museums, cultural support and presenter groups, public libraries, parks/recreation departments, and school systems. Professional advisory panels review organizational grant applications based on several criteria, including history of organization; ability to implement project; quality of project; and broad-based community support. The panel's recommendations and rankings are made to the Council Board which must approve all grants awarded.

Criteria for Selection: See Criteria for Eligibility.

How to Apply: Obtain a current copy of the grant guidelines and application form. GCA administers grant seminars around the state in November, and potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Completed application and the appropriate support material must be postmarked on or before the deadline.

For More Information Contact: Georgia Council for the Arts: (404) 685-2787

OwnHome Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides first-time home buyers with a deferred payment loan to cover most of the down payment, closing costs and prepaid expenses associated with their home purchase.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: Each OwnHOME loan must be no less than \$1,000 and no greater than \$5,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: Assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis through lenders participating in the OwnHOME program. All applicants must meet all underwriting guidelines established by the program.

Criteria for Selection: Assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis through lenders participating in the Home Buyer program. All Applicants must meet all underwriting guidelines established by the program.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Carmen Chubb: (404) 679-4846

Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides construction/permanent loans for the production of affordable rental housing with accompanying supportive services for non-elderly special needs tenants. Project based rental assistance is available to successful applicants for 100% of the units located within the State's Section 8 program jurisdiction.

Total Funding Level: Funding is made available through the allocation of State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless and HOME monies. Contact DCA directly for further information on available funding.

Maximum per Applicant: \$3,000,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations which act as sole or joint owners of newly constructed or rehabilitated rental housing for occupancy by low and very low income non-elderly special needs households, including the homeless, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, or developmental), abused spouses and their children, persons with alcohol and other drug addictions, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and migrant farm workers.

Criteria for Selection: Applications will be evaluated in accordance with minimum threshold requirements and policies described in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), including but not limited to market and financial feasibility, income and rent restrictions, site and location characteristics, proposed development characteristics, and compliance history. Only those applications that meet threshold requirements and are economically feasible in the proposed market area will be considered for financing.

How to Apply: Applications are accepted on a continuous basis according to terms of the NOFA. Applications will be evaluated as they are received. Priority funding consideration will be given to those applications that best meet the priorities identified in the NOFA, subject to funding availability. If funds are exhausted, applications will be placed on waiting list in sequence of submission of a complete application package.

For More Information Contact: Doug Scott: (404) 327-6881

Public Library Maintenance and Operations Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Office of Public Library Services
1800 Century Place, NE, St. 150
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Type of Assistance: Grant funds available for public library operation expenses.

Total Funding Level: \$4,372,312

Maximum per Applicant: By formula.

Criteria for Eligibility: Meet the Criteria for State Aid (Department of Education Administrative Rules 160-6-2.01 through 160-6-2.16).

Criteria for Selection: Completed application forms and timely submission.

How to Apply: Complete the Annual Report and Application for Renewal of State Aid (DE Form 1196).
Contact the Georgia Public Library Service for deadlines and additional information.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian: (404) 982-3560

Public Library Materials Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Office of Public Library Services
1800 Century Place, NE, St. 150
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Type of Assistance: Funds available for the purchase of books and other library materials.

Total Funding Level: \$4,650,112

Maximum per Applicant: By formula.

Criteria for Eligibility: Meet the Criteria for State Aid (Department of Education Administrative Rules 160-6-2.01 through 160-6-2.16).

Criteria for Selection: Completed application forms and timely submission.

How to Apply: Complete the Annual Report and Application for Renewal of State Aid (DE Form 1196).
Contact the Georgia Public Library Service for deadlines and additional information.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian: (404) 982-3560

Public Library Salary Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Office of Public Library Services
1800 Century Place, NE, St. 150
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Type of Assistance: Grant funds to pay salary costs for qualified professional librarians.

Total Funding Level: \$16,044,603

Maximum per Applicant: By formula.

Criteria for Eligibility: Meet the Criteria for State Aid (Department of Education Administrative Rules 160-6-2.01 through 160-6-2.16).

Criteria for Selection: Completed application forms and timely submission.

How to Apply: Complete the Annual Report and Application for Renewal of State Aid (DE Form 1196).
Contact the Georgia Public Library Service for deadlines and additional information.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian: (404) 982-3560

Public Library Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Administering Agency: Georgia Public Library Service
1800 Century Place, NE
Suite 150
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Type of Assistance: Grant funds available for library operation expenses.

Total Funding Level: \$1,104,526

Maximum per Applicant: By formula.

Criteria for Eligibility: Meet the Criteria for State Aid (Department of Education Administrative Rules 160-6-2.01 through 160-6-2.16).

Criteria for Selection: Completed application forms and timely submission.

How to Apply: Complete the Annual Report and Application for Renewal of State Aid (DE Form 1196).
Contact the Georgia Public Library Service for deadlines and additional information.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Lamar Veatch: (404) 982-3560

Public Library Travel Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Office of Public Library Services
1800 Century Place, NE, St. 150
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Type of Assistance: Grant funds available for professional travel expenses.

Total Funding Level: \$207,000

Maximum per Applicant: By formula.

Criteria for Eligibility: Meet the Criteria for State Aid (Department of Education Administrative Rules 160-6-2.01 through 160-6-2.16).

Criteria for Selection: Completed application forms and timely submission.

How to Apply: Complete the Annual Report and Application for Renewal of State Aid (DE Form 1196).
Contact the Georgia Public Library Service for deadlines and additional information.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Lamar Veatech, State Librarian: (404) 982-3560

Recreation Assistance Fund (RAF)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Grants Administration and Planning
205 Butler Street, SE, St. 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: State grants which will increase the local supply of public recreation lands and/or facilities through the purchase of real property, facility development or rehabilitation of existing facilities.

Total Funding Level: Varies from year to year based on appropriations by the Georgia Legislature.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies from year to year based on appropriations.

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicants must be legally constituted entities (county, incorporated city, or an authority or commission established under enabling legislation).

Criteria for Selection: Available upon request. Applications are evaluated and awarded a numerical score based on grant criteria.

How to Apply: The Georgia Legislature solicits applications for the RAF funding cycle to coincide with annual appropriations, with an application deadline around mid-April.

For More Information Contact: Antoinette Norfleet: (404) 656-3830

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Grants Administration and Planning
205 Butler Street, SE, St. 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Acquisition and/or development grants (80% federal / 20% local) for motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails including new trail construction, maintenance/rehabilitation of existing trails, trail-side and trail-head facilities.

Total Funding Level: Varies from year to year based on federal congressional appropriations and fund allocations from the Federal Highway Administration. For fiscal year 2001, Georgia's portion was approximately \$1.3 million.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies from year to year based on appropriations. Fiscal year 2001, maximum was \$100,000.

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicants must be legally constituted entities (county, incorporated city, or an authority or commission established under enabling legislation), state or federal agencies.

Criteria for Selection: Available upon request. Applications are scored based on Trails Program Selection Criteria to determine priority rankings.

How to Apply: Applications for the RTP annual funding cycle are solicited in the Fall (following completion of the federal budget process) through the RDCs and the Division's contact listing of individual trail enthusiasts, trails groups, recreation departments and/or local governments, state and federal agencies.

For More Information Contact: Trudy Davis: (404) 656-3830

Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Grants for the purchase of recycling equipment and support of other recycling and source reduction programs.

Total Funding Level: \$1,500,000 per year.

Maximum per Applicant: Up to \$25,000 per single jurisdiction, up to \$50,000 per multi-jurisdictional application.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, or multi-jurisdictional solid waste authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Project impact and funding availability.

How to Apply: File an application during the open period. Contact GEFA for details or visit our website at www.gefa.org

For More Information Contact: James Thompson: (404) 656-4046

Regional Assistance Program (RAP)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Grants for Regional Economic Development.

Total Funding Level: \$1,128,125 will be available for funding in fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: \$500,000

Criteria for Eligibility: Cities, counties, development authorities, joint development authorities, Regional Development Centers.

Criteria for Selection: Construction or acquisition projects must be owned or operated by at least two local governments with the participation of at least two counties, or be owned or operated by a joint development authority involving two or more counties.

* Multi-county or regional projects that do not involve construction must demonstrate service to a multi-county area.

How to Apply: RAP grants are available throughout the fiscal year. Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

For More Information Contact: Stephen Seals: (404) 327-7909

Regional Economic Assistance Projects (REAP)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: The purpose of Regional Economic Assistance Projects (REAP) is to provide a mechanism for local and state governments and the private sector to cooperate on large-scale tourism-related projects with multiple uses that will create jobs and enhance the local tax base. Regional Economic Assistance Projects will assist in producing growth and development, particularly in rural areas, resulting in additional local tax revenue and providing high-caliber employment opportunities in the tourism and hospitality industries. Additional benefits include sound project development, consistent governmental review and approval, responsible project implementation, and project monitoring and reporting. Upon meeting the requirements of the statute and these Rules, including local government endorsement and certification by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, a developer of a certified REAP project may apply to the Georgia Department of Revenue for a state license for the sale of malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits by the drink for consumption on the premises only.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligible applicants for REAP designation are developers of projects as those terms are defined in sections 110-20-1-.02(5) and (9) of the REAP Rules. In order to receive REAP certification, a project, in combination with any adjacent facility included by a reciprocal use agreement, must (a) be not less than 250 acres in size, (b) where required, have zoning which is appropriate to the planned uses and plans which are consistent with other land use regulations, and (c) provide for at least three of the five following criteria: (I) one or more regulation 18-hole golf courses, with a clubhouse providing food service, (II) a full-service restaurant with minimum seating for 75 or more persons, (III) at least 100 residential units, (IV) at least 200 rooms for overnight stays, or (V) conference facilities with capacity for 250 participants. A project that does not include an adjacent facility subject to a reciprocal use agreement need only meet two of the five criteria listed above in (c).

Criteria for Selection: All applications received from eligible applicants will be reviewed to determine whether a project meets the REAP criteria and complies with the REAP Rules.

How to Apply: All applications must be submitted in a format prescribed by the Department of Community Affairs and signed by the Chief Elected Official(s) of the applicant community(s), and received by the applicable deadlines. Semi-annual competitions are held in the spring and fall of each year.

For More Information Contact: Sally Mrus: (404) 679-1592

Robert C. Byrd Scholarships

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Division of Curriculum and Reading
1770 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Higher education grants to entering freshmen.

Total Funding Level: \$1,150,000

Maximum per Applicant: \$1,500 per recipient.

Criteria for Eligibility: Superior academic potential and achievement, participation in school activities and essay on personal educational experience.

Criteria for Selection: Same as above.

How to Apply: Submit an application through the local school system coordinator. One nomination per high school.

For More Information Contact: Dr. Joe Searle: (404) 657-0183

Rural Rental Housing Development Fund

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides loans for the acquisition and new construction of rental housing developments of 10 units or less of affordable housing targeted for low and moderate-income households. Selected participants will also receive education and technical assistance on the housing development process.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$3,000,000 of federal fiscal year 2002 HOME FUNDS.

Maximum per Applicant: Maximum loan amount \$600,000. Construction/permanent loans with annual interest rate no more than 1% with some funds available as grants. There will be no interest charged on construction loans. The exact terms of each loan will be determined by DCA according to the economic feasibility needs of the proposed development.

Criteria for Eligibility: Public housing authorities and their nonprofit subsidiaries proposing the development of housing outside the ten counties of the Atlanta Regional Commission and the core counties of the remaining metropolitan statistical areas (Bibb, Muscogee, Chatham, Clarke, Dougherty, Richmond). Applications are accepted during announced application cycles following issuance of a Request of Qualifications. Applications are evaluated and selected in accordance with DCA's selection criteria.

Criteria for Selection: Contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to receive information regarding program guidelines and application procedures.

How to Apply: Applications are accepted during announced application cycles. Applications are competitively ranked in accordance with DCA's selection criteria.

For More Information Contact: Doug Scott: (404) 327-6881

Scenic Byways Discretionary Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Program designed to undertake specific work activities that are recognized as eligible projects in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA). Program requires 20 percent matching funds.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$22 million is available nationwide annually.

Maximum per Applicant: This varies according to project type.

Criteria for Eligibility: Project criteria and selections are made by the Federal Highway Administration.

Criteria for Selection: * Byway criteria:
Projects associated with highways have been designated as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road and that are consistent with the corridor management plan for the byway. Projects along a State-designated scenic byway that are consistent with the corridor management plan for the byway and is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway or All-American Road.

* Project criteria: For states that submit more than one project, consideration is given to the individual State's priorities. Projects that yield direct and indirect benefits to the experience of travelers and visitors. The timely use of scenic byway funds in the completion of prior approved projects. Commitment of other private and public funding sources to complement the requested discretionary funding. Projects which have completed all necessary environmental approvals and have design and construction plans ready for implementation. Additional considerations such as national geographic distribution and Congressional direction on specific projects or programs.

How to Apply: Request to be placed on the Office of Planning's mailing list for the annual solicitation of Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant applications.

For More Information Contact: Jordan Hoffman, State Scenic Byways Coordinator: Jordan Hoffman: (404) 651-7603
Joy Still, Special Projects Branch Chief: Joy Still: (404) 656-5726

School Lunch and School Breakfast Program/Special Milk

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
School and Community Nutrition Division
1662 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Provides state and federal reimbursement to schools for breakfasts and lunches or milk served to students.

Total Funding Level: Varies.

Maximum per Applicant: Reimbursement for meals and/or milk served to qualifying students.

Criteria for Eligibility: In order to qualify for program assistance, the school must be an educational unit of high school grade or under, recognized as part of the educational system in the state, and operating as public or non-profit private. Public and private residential child care institutions may qualify.

Criteria for Selection: Reimbursement provided only for enrolled students up to 21 years of age, with amount varying according to family income.

How to Apply: Application materials available upon request.

For More Information Contact: Eugenia R. Seay: (404) 656-2458

Section 5303 Technical Study Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs
276 Memorial Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: The Section 5303 Program provides Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with State matching funds (10%) for planning assistance under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) planning requirements.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$171,509.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies by MPO (dependent upon population).

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicant must be a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Criteria for Selection: Contact the Department of Transportation.

How to Apply: Submit an application annually in accordance with the State Administrative Guide. Grant requests are submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for approval prior to funding.

For More Information Contact: Hal Wilson: (404) 651-9201

Section 5307 Capital Assistance Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs
276 Memorial Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: The Section 5307 Program provides urban public transit agencies with state matching funds (10%) for capital projects under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urban assistance program.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$1,393,000 annually.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies.

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicant must be an urban public transit agency.

Criteria for Selection: Contact the Department of Transportation.

How to Apply: Submit an application annually in accordance with the State Administrative Guide. Grant requests are submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for approval prior to funding.

For More Information Contact: Hal Wilson: (404) 651-9201

Section 5311 Capital Assistance Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs
276 Memorial Drive, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: The Section 5311 Program provides rural public transit agencies with state matching funds (10%) for capital projects under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) rural assistance program.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$515,170 annually.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies.

Criteria for Eligibility: Applicant must be a local public body with jurisdiction in a rural area.

Criteria for Selection: Contact the Department of Transportation.

How to Apply: Applicant must complete an annual application for state funding. Grant requests are submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for approval prior to funding.

For More Information Contact: Hal Wilson: (404) 651-9201

Section 8 Rental Assistance Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Type of Assistance: Provides rental subsidies on behalf of low-income families and individuals to participating landlords who agree to maintain their rental properties to the required Housing Quality Standards.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$75 million.

Maximum per Applicant: Section 8 rental assistance through DCA is available in 149 of Georgia's 159 counties. Contact DCA for further information.

Criteria for Eligibility: Eligibility for the program is based primarily on household income.

Criteria for Selection: Interested households are required to submit an application for review for determination of household eligibility.

How to Apply: Contact DCA to receive information regarding the program guidelines and deadlines.

For More Information Contact: Michael Timm: (404) 679-4840

Services to the Elderly

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Human Resources
Division of Aging
2 Peachtree St., NW, St. 9-398
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Funds programs administered by designated Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and their local service providers to assist Georgia's elderly with such things as: information and referral, in-home and community-based social services, elder rights services, congregate and home-delivered meals, health promotion/disease prevention services (Wellness Program), senior center services, employment services, etc.

Total Funding Level:

Maximum per Applicant: Funds provided on a formula basis under contracts to designated Area Agencies on Aging and their local service providers.

Criteria for Eligibility: Public and private agencies which provide required services to the elderly. Agencies are selected by the designated Area Agency on Aging through a competitive process.

Criteria for Selection: Degree of need in the local service area.

How to Apply: Contact the Division of Aging Services for information.

For More Information Contact: Division of Aging Services: (404) 657-5258

Solid Waste Loan Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority
100 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 2090
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Loans are made at low interest rates for composting, recycling, and solid waste management needs.

Total Funding Level: Unlimited

Maximum per Applicant: Up to \$2 million, depending on type of project.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available to cities, counties, and regional authorities.

Criteria for Selection: Environmental certification, approved solid waste management plan, and ability to repay loan.

How to Apply: Submit an application anytime.

For More Information Contact: James Thompson: (404) 656-4046

State Aid, Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of State Aid
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: The State Aid Program is structured to assist local governments (counties or cities) in improving their road and street programs. This program normally requires participation in the cost of projects. The Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) is structured to assist local governments in maintaining the structural integrity of their paved roads and streets, by leveling and resurfacing deteriorated pavement. This program does not require local participation cost. Engineering assistance is provided for other transportation projects. i.e., Community Development Block Grants, etc.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$59,000,000.

Maximum per Applicant:

Criteria for Eligibility: County and city governments are eligible to apply.

Criteria for Selection: The selection of projects is based on an engineering evaluation of need, service to be provided vs. cost, local government priority and availability of funds.

How to Apply: Submit a prioritized list of proposed projects. As the local government is prepared to proceed with a particular project from the priority list, request it in writing.

For More Information Contact: Steve Henry: 770-986-1001

State and Local Assistance (SLA)

Administering Agency: Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Office of The Governor
P.O. Box 18055
Atlanta, Georgia 30316

Type of Assistance: Provides up to 50% matching funds for necessary and essential state and local Emergency Management personnel and administrative expenses.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$1,250,000 per year.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies

Criteria for Eligibility: Have a local Emergency Management program established by law; operate under an approved personnel merit system; have a local Emergency Operations Plan that conforms to state requirements; have a state approved Statement of Work; conduct periodic training and exercising of plans; and comply with other requirements set forth by GEMA.

Criteria for Selection: Funding priority is given to jurisdictions:

- * with a substantiated record of accomplishment in Emergency Management;
- * most vulnerable to disaster emergency situations;
- * expected to provide reception areas and shelters; and
- * meeting GEMA's recommended standards for staffing and other capabilities.

How to Apply: Contact GEMA for information concerning establishing a qualified Emergency Management organization. All local governments meeting criteria are eligible for funding.

For More Information Contact: Gary W. McConnell: (404) 624-7000

State/Local Highway Safety Program

Administering Agency: Governor's Office of Highway Safety
34 Peachtree Street
Suite 600
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Grants to assist state and local governments in addressing highway safety problems in the following program areas: alcohol and other drug countermeasures, occupant protection (seat belts & child safety seats), 55/65 MPH speed enforcement, traffic records, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety and community safety programs.

Total Funding Level: \$15,000,000

Maximum per Applicant: Not applicable NOTE: Funds are granted annually. Annual renewal of the grants is contingent upon federal funding allocation and satisfactorily meeting stated goals and objectives. The grantee must commit to continue funding the project after federal funds have ceased. Funds cannot be used to supplement federal, state, or local funds. The following cash match is required:
1st year: GOHS 100% Local 0%
2nd year: GOHS 80% Local 20%
3rd Year: GOHS 60% Local 40%

Criteria for Eligibility: Local and state political subdivisions identified by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Ranking Reports may apply for federal funds. Other local political jurisdictions, state agencies and community organizations (through GOHS Request for Proposal Process) may apply for federal funds to implement programs in direct support of solving highway safety problem.

Criteria for Selection: Previous year's traffic crash data is used to establish relative statewide ranking of each county and city. Grants are awarded to local applicant with highest ranking (degree of severity).

How to Apply: Prospective grantees must submit an application using quantitative data pertinent to their jurisdictions' identified traffic safety problem(s). GOHS Highway Safety Grant Application consists of three major components: 1) Programmatic Section 2) Budget Section 3) Grant Terms, Conditions and Certification.

For More Information Contact: Yvonne McBride: (404) 656-6996

Stop Violence Against Women Act Grant Program

Administering Agency: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
503 Oak Place
Suite 540
Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Type of Assistance: Provides federal funding to state and local governmental and private non-profit agencies that serve the needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Specifically, the program will provide funds to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women, and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

Total Funding Level: FY 2001: \$3,190,491 FY 2002: \$2,723,650

Maximum per Applicant: None.

Criteria for Eligibility: State Agencies, local units of government, or private non-profit organizations.

Criteria for Selection: Eligible projects must meet at least one of seven purpose areas. In addition, geographic area, size of population served, feasibility, impact, budgetary requests, and evaluation results are considered.

How to Apply: A Guidelines and Application Procedures booklet must be submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council during specified periods of solicitation. Additional information regarding the application process can be obtained by contacting the Council directly.

For More Information Contact: Eden Freeman/Joseph Hood: (404) 559-4949

Student Transportation Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Student Transportation Section
1666 Twin Towers, East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: State funds to provide school bus transportation to public school students who live more than 1 1/2 miles from the school in the attendance area to which they are assigned.

Total Funding Level: Determined by the General Assembly annually.

Maximum per Applicant: Determined by allotment process.

Criteria for Eligibility: Available through an allotment process to all public school systems operating a student transportation program.

Criteria for Selection: Each school system operating a student transportation program must have a current transportation survey conducted by its assigned area consultant of the Georgia Department of Education.

How to Apply: No application necessary, state funds are allocated annually.

For More Information Contact: Sam McCullough: (404) 656-2467

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Administering Agency: Office of School Readiness
Nutrition Services
10 Park Place South, Suite 200
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: Provide federal reimbursement to eligible institutions for meals and supplements served to eligible children when school is not in session.

Total Funding Level: Varies (Entitlement Program).

Maximum per Applicant: Reimbursement for all creditable meals served to qualifying persons.

Criteria for Eligibility: Sponsoring organizations/institutions that may participate in the SFSP are private non profit, governmental institutions and school food service authorities in areas where 50% or more of a school's population qualifies based on income or programs which provide services to qualifying populations.

Criteria for Selection: See Criteria for Eligibility.

How to Apply: Attend a training session conducted by the Office of School Readiness.

For More Information Contact: Karen Robinson: (404) 671-8191

Title II - Eisenhower Professional Development Program (Part A - Elementary And Secondary Education Act)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Division of Compensatory Programs
1852 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Flow-through grants for improving the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction in mathematics and science in the nation's public and private elementary and secondary schools.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$9,582,383 for fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: Funded on formula basis.

Criteria for Eligibility: All local educational agencies (LEAs) within the state are eligible.

Criteria for Selection: Completion of application along with notification of grant amount.

How to Apply: Completion of the application.

For More Information Contact: Brenden Long: (404) 656-3053

Title VI Formula Grants

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Division of Compensatory Programs
1852 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Entitlement grants for educational improvement.

Total Funding Level: \$8,974,502 for fiscal year 2002.

Maximum per Applicant: Determined by formula: Enrollment plus higher-cost student factor.

Criteria for Eligibility: Entitlement; all school systems, state schools, Department of Children and Youth Services, and educational programs in the Departments of Corrections and Human Resources are eligible.

Criteria for Selection: Entities which meet requirements of law and regulations.

How to Apply: Submit program application by due date of application.

For More Information Contact: Brenden Long: (404) 656-3053

Transportation Enhancement Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Transportation
Planning Division
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Federal funding for twelve categories of transportation enhancement activities:

- *Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
- *Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- *Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic and historic sites.
- *Scenic or historic highway programs (including provision of tourist and welcome center facilities).
- *Landscaping and other scenic beautification.
- *Historic preservation.
- *Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).
- *Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion for use as pedestrian or bicycle trails).
- *Archaeological planning and research.
- *Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
- *Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.
- *Establishment of transportation museums.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$23 million annually divided among 13 Congressional Districts.

Maximum per Applicant: \$1 million per project application.

Criteria for Eligibility: Contact the Department of Transportation.

Criteria for Selection: Contact the Department of Transportation or review website:<http://www.dot.state.ga.us/homeoffs/planning.www/planning/te/index.html>

How to Apply: Application available on website. Request an application package from the Office of Planning. Submit the application in accordance with the published application schedule. Sponsors are responsible for obtaining environmental clearances and permits. Sponsors must provide a 20% local match.

For More Information Contact: Rhonda Britt, Joy Still, or Cindy VanDyke: (404) 657-6914 or (404) 656-5726

Urban and Community Forestry Financial Assistance Program

Administering Agency: Georgia Forestry Commission
Urban & Comm. Forestry Fin. Asst. Prog.
Post Office Box 819
Macon, Georgia 31202

Type of Assistance: A financial grant assistance program designed to encourage citizen involvement in creating and supporting long-term and sustained urban and community forestry programs throughout the state. Projects include tree ordinance, development, greenspace management, tree inventories, educational programs, arbor day.

Total Funding Level: Determined annually by the U.S. Forest Service.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies. A 50% cash or in-kind match is required.

Criteria for Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, neighborhood associations, civic groups, educational institutions, community tree volunteer groups or units of local government.

Criteria for Selection: Application review criteria shall include, but not be limited to the following: demonstrated need; goal oriented projects; financial commitment and management; and partnerships.

How to Apply: Contact the Georgia Forestry Commission regarding application deadlines and other submission requirements.

For More Information Contact: Susan Reisch: (404) 298-3935

Vocational/Applied Technology Education

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Education
Vocational/Applied Technology Division
1752 Twin Towers East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Assistance: Funds used to provide a wide range of vocational/applied technology activities and programs for all segments of the population, including students with disabilities.

Total Funding Level: Determined annually.

Maximum per Applicant: Varies. Based on Federal guidelines.

Criteria for Eligibility: Required formula distribution to local school systems. Additional funds are available by needs identified by priority in the school system's local plan application.

Criteria for Selection: For information see "Guidelines for local plan application".

How to Apply: Local school systems must have a four year plan and one year application approved by the Georgia Department of Education.

For More Information Contact: Jimmy Hogg: (404) 657-8317

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Administering Agency: Georgia Department of Labor
148 International Boulevard, NE
Suite 650
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Type of Assistance: This program was formerly known as the Georgia Job Training Partnership Act. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was signed into law in August 1998 and went into effect July 1, 2000. The Workforce Investment Act will involve a new approach to delivering employment and training services throughout Georgia. The Workforce Investment Act Funds programs administered by designated local agencies to prepare economically disadvantaged youth and adults for unsubsidized jobs. Some funds are also available for workers dislocated from their jobs due to plant closures and mass layoffs.

Total Funding Level: Approximately \$64 million annually.

Maximum per Applicant: Funding is provided through grants to designated local agencies to administer program.

Criteria for Eligibility: Services must be provided to economically disadvantaged individuals or to dislocated workers.

Criteria for Selection: Local agencies specify criteria based on local priorities and the needs of the eligible population and local labor market.

How to Apply: Contact the Workforce Investment Areas staff or any training provider in the local geographic area. See website at www.dol.state.ga.us

For More Information Contact: Millre Faulk-Webb: (404) 656-7392

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